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Application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-23 (canceled)

24. (previously added): A method of producing L-amino acids selected from the group consisting of L-lysine, L-threonine and L-isoleucine, comprising:

culturing an altered *Corynebacterium glutamicum* cell having a decreased amount of phosphoglucose isomerase enzymatic activity as compared to an unaltered *Corynebacterium glutamicum* cell wherein said L-amino acid yields from said altered *Corynebacterium glutamicum* cell are from about 1% to about 25% greater than yields from an unaltered *Corynebacterium glutamicum* cell, wherein said *Corynebacterium glutamicum* cell has a disrupted *pgi* gene.

25. (previously added): The method of claim 24, wherein said altered *Corynebacterium glutamicum* cell having a disrupted *pgi* gene is produced by

(a) subcloning an internal region of a *pgi* gene into a suicide vector; and

(b) inserting said resulting vector from step (a) into a *Corynebacterium glutamicum* genome via homologous recombination.